was already under investigation in connection with crime No. 6 of 1104 of Ernakulam Cusba.

(d) No reply is necessary in view of answer to (c) above.

(e) The investigation disclosed an offence under sections 129, 133, 427 and 359, C. P. C., against the petitioners.

(f) Yes.

(g) On 31st Kanni 1104.

Nominal Muster Roll for coolies.

393. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to answer:—

(1) who is to keep the Nominal Muster Roll for coolies engaged in departmental works;

(2) is not the roll checked by the Divisional Assistant Engineer or Overseers under them, periodically or otherwise and is such checking recorded by affixing their initials at least in these rolls;

(3) is it not necessary that the officer who keeps or maintains the Muster Roll must be present always at the workspot;

(4) will the Government give any value or significance or otherwise give any credit to the Muster Roll written up by one who is not in direct charge of the work or who is not always at the workspot?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) By any subordinate of the Department deputed for the purpose.

(2) Yes, if found necessary.

(3) They are expected to be at the workspot as far as possible.

(4) The answer to the former part of the question is in the negative and to the latter part in the affirmative.

Appointment in State Service.

394. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government kindly answer what all Departments there are in the State Service in which any subject of His Highness is prohibited from holding office on account of his caste or religion?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The Member is referred to Standing Order No. 10. Caste or religion entails no disability for service in the State. Appointments in the Devaswam Department can, however, be held only by caste-Hindus while those in the Nayar Brigade are reserved to the members of the Nayar community.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Are not the appointments under the Devaswam Department considered under the State Service?

President.—It is answered here.

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Mr. M. K. Raman.—Are not such appointments also State Service ?

President.—Yes.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Why are the Government adopting a portion from the Standing Order No. 10 ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The Standing Order itself makes it clear. "His Highness' Government do not regard any caste or creed as a ground of civil disability. All classes and castes are alike eligible to hold offices under the Sirkar provided they have the necessary educational and other qualifications. *Exceptions.*—(1) Appointments or officers in direct charge of the Hindu religious institutions under Sirkar management can be held only by caste-Hindus. (2) Appointment in the Nayar Brigade are exclusively reserved to members of the Nayar community". That is the rule.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—That rule is not violated ?

President.—No.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Who was the Commandant of the Nayar Brigade ?

President.—Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Was he a Nayar ?

President.—No.

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